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Applicant: Young et al.)
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For: **EXPANDED AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED POPULATIONS OF HUMAN HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS**

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 1999.

In the Claims:

18. (amended) A method for genetically modifying human hematopoietic stem cells, comprising:
- a) contacting a vector comprising a polynucleotide sequence encoding a heterologous gene with a population of hematopoietic stem cells cultured with fibronectin and in the presence of an effective amount of a mpl ligand and a flt3 ligand each ligand provided in a concentration range of about 0.1 ng/mL to about 500 ng/mL, wherein said vector is selected

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